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Mr. W. A. Rommel
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Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rommel:

This is in response to your request for this Agency's views on H. 920, a bill to amend sections 303 and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to alien amateur radio operators.

In its draft recommendation on this bill, the Department of Justice points out that the security aspects of this legislation are a factor of major and continuing importance. We would agree with this statement. Our experience has shown that radio communication is a vital factor in espionage operations especially in so called "illegal" operations.

Any advantages which this Agency might acquire under the reciprocal arrangements provided for in this legislation would be minimal. Therefore, we feel that this is a matter more properly within the jurisdiction of those Government agencies having a responsibility for maintaining the internal security of the United States.

Sincerely,

George
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